

Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Wexler

Whitfield
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf

Woolsey
Wynn
Young (FL)

NAYS—63

Aderholt
Baird
Baldwin
Bonior
Borski
Brady (PA)
Capuano
Carson (OK)
Costello
DeFazio
Doggett
English
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Frost
Gutknecht
Hastings (FL)
Hefley
Hilliard
Hinchey

Holt
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kennedy (MN)
Kucinich
Larsen (WA)
Latham
LoBiondo
Markay
McDermott
McGovern
McNulty
Menendez
Miller, George
Moore
Moran (KS)
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Pallone
Peterson (MN)

Phelps
Ramstad
Sabo
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Snyder
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Visclosky
Waters
Watts (OK)
Weller
Wicker
Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—40

Blagojevich
Brown (FL)
Burton
Clay
Condit
Crane
Culberson
Davis, Tom
Deutsch
Doyle
Edwards
Ehrlich
Engel
Fossella

Gordon
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hulshof
Hunter
LaFalce
Lampson
Leach
Maloney (CT)
Mascara
McKinney
Meek (FL)
Mink
Murtha

Oxley
Pastor
Platts
Pombo
Rangel
Sanders
Slaughter
Stark
Taylor (NC)
Traffant
Vitter
Young (AK)

□ 1025

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1613

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1613, a measure referred to the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes per side.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA GAYNOR, FOUNDER AND DIRECTION OF MOTHERS' VOICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Barbara Gaynor, founder and director of Mothers' Voices of South Florida, for her vision in targeting parents, caregivers and our youth.

Under her leadership, Mothers' Voices has helped scores of families strengthen communication about sexual health. Barbara Gaynor lost her son to HIV. Her inability to save him served as the catalyst in forming Mothers' Voices and in strengthening her resolve to reduce the number of HIV infections among our youth through prevention, education and awareness.

According to the Office of National AIDS, 50 percent of all HIV infections occur in 13 to 26-year-olds. As a mother who was hit at home by HIV-AIDS, Barbara Gaynor knows best the impact that parental involvement can have in preventing children from becoming statistics.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara and all of the people that work at Mothers' Voices for their commitment to preserve the future of our Nation's youth.

PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES TO GET OFF OF WELFARE

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, while welfare caseloads have dropped dramatically, the decrease in poverty is marginally less. After 5 years, welfare cash assistance caseloads have decreased by nearly 50 percent, but overall poverty has declined by less than 2 percent.

Today we are going to be visiting this issue of what to do about welfare in America. Work is at the center of the welfare debate, and it was at the center of the debate in 1996.

The work requirements are the most significant part of the debate. If States choose or are mandated a 40 hour a week work requirement, that will mean workfare programs. Workfare is overwhelmingly bad for recipients. It will mean the need for even more child care, on top of the \$11 billion that is in the bill now, and it will undermine efforts to place people in good jobs.

We need to be very careful in any vote that we take today to make sure that we are not making it impossible for families who are trying to get off of welfare to be able to have the resources that they will need to be able to care for their children.

REMEMBERING FRANCISCO CHAVIANO GONZALES

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the plight of a Cuban man, Francisco Chaviano Gonzales. Francisco is a political prisoner in Cuba. He is the President of the National Council for Civil Rights, an organization dedicated to democracy and human rights.

Francisco was arrested for possessing documents revealing human rights abuses in Cuba. A military tribunal sentenced him to 15 years in prison. He languishes today in isolation where he is deprived of basic medical care and proper food. Ironically, Francisco's captivity proves the existence of human rights abuses in Cuba even more than the documents they arrested him for.

The Cold War is over, but the United States' fight for freedom will never end. This man was arrested for promoting the very things America values.

Francisco, we remember you.

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DISTURBING INFORMATION FOR AMERICANS

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, last night and this morning, Americans got some very, very disturbing news. America was informed that sometime last August, the President of the United States was informed of efforts by bin Laden and his followers to engage in a hijacking scheme against American citizens. That information, while disturbing, was not acted upon, with no information flowing to the American people.

It is suggested that this was done because it was a hijacking in the normal sense of the word. The fact of the matter is, we know that a major plot was interrupted to crash a number of 747s in Southeast Asia into the Earth simultaneously, and we know that an effort was interrupted to crash a plane into the Eiffel Tower. We know that we interrupted the millennium scheme.

While it is disturbing that this effort was not taken as seriously as it should have been, it is also very disturbing that this information and the briefing of the President of this information has not been released to the American people or to the Congress of the United States for over 8 months.

TIME TO END THE POULTRY EMBARGO

(Mr. DEAL of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)